

an access device that accesses a database containing information corresponding to the scanned bar code, the dispensing machine being configured to dispense the selected pill provided the authorization information was verified by the verifier. --

REMARKS

Claims 4, 11, 13-39 are being canceled and replaced by new claims 40-50. Original claims 1-12 are retained in the case although they were rejected under 35 USC 103 over Wittwer and Shamir [or Aurenus] each in view of another. In view of the reversal of an analogous rejection on appeal to the Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences with respect to claims pending in Serial No. 08/286,785, the 103 rejection is not tenable since the references are not properly combinable. That is, because Wittwer strives to make its capsule tamper evident so reducing the size of its label code would be contrary to this teaching, which reduction would necessarily arise from the use of micro barcode revealed by Shamir [or Aurenus],

The newly added independent claims each include the concept of scanning a bar code on a pill. Entry is respectfully requested.

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